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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 29, 2003, and requests continuing examination of that application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h). A draft in the amount of \$2042 is included for the two-month extension fee (\$420), the RCE fee (\$770), and the excess claims fee (\$852), respectively under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(2), (e), and 1.16 (c)/(d). The Patent Office is authorized to debit deposit account number 50-1924 for any additional fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application and/or to advance this RCE.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments:** Begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Appendix:** None.